



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

November 13, 1995

Reply to  
Attn of: WD-133

R.E. Ramsey  
Eagle Stop & Save, Inc.  
50 West Wapato Road  
Wapato, Washington 98951

RE: Eagle Stop & Save, Inc., Underground Storage Tank Facility  
ID #4-260115  
Yakama Indian Reservation, Washington State

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been notified of a tank(s) in operation at your facility and has assigned a facility identification number. Because your facility is located on Indian Land or within the boundaries of an Indian reservation, it is regulated by the EPA rather than the state.

In the past, EPA has issued federal "permits" to facilities on Indian lands to assure the uninterrupted delivery of fuel. EPA has decided to discontinue this practice because permit issuance for underground storage tanks is not specifically authorized by federal law or regulations.

The state of Washington has a tank permit system making it illegal for petroleum distributors to deliver product to tanks without a permit. EPA does not have a similar permit requirement on Indian Lands. Nevertheless, petroleum distributors can still legally deliver fuel to your facility even though your facility has not been issued either a state or EPA permit.

Please note that the federal regulations (40 CFR Part 280 - technical requirements for owners and operators of underground storage tanks) require notification of the existence of your tanks. Please continue to provide information regarding changes to your facility or its operation so your notification records remain current.

EPA hopes this clarification will assist you with continuing to receive product from your distributor. If you should encounter any problems, please have your distributor contact Katherine Holt at (206) 553-2580.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Underground Storage Tank program. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mrs. Holt or Geoff Keeler at (206) 553-1089.

Sincerely,

*for Katherine M. Holt*

Lauris C. Davies  
Manager, Ground Water Protection Unit